

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (original) A traffic crash absorber (11), for use at roadways for boundary separation and protection, containing several vehicle tires of approximately the same diameter connected to each other in a stack, at least approximately coaxial to a geographic axis, above each other and where connection bolts (21-24) which extend in an axial direction are arranged between the lower and the upper tire, to hold the traffic crash absorber together, characterized in

- that at least the lower two vehicle tires (12,13) have extended openings (16,17), to form a chamber comprising more than one tire width,

- that in the void between the remaining tire sides (15,19) are provided annular filling elements (25) which have generally sideways holes for the connection bolts, so that in a compressed state, forms an annular cushion, and

- at least one of the connection bolts (21-24) forms a fastening for a connection element (32) for connection of several traffic crash absorbers (11).

2. (original) A traffic crash absorber according to claim 1, characterized in that the filling elements (25) are tire sides, particularly cut out of used vehicle tires.

3. (currently amended) A traffic crash absorber according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, characterized in that in between the two lower vehicle tires (12,13) in the stack, at least one bar bail (32) having a protruding bail part (36) is arranged, which forms a roller stop and a fastening element for linkup of several traffic crash absorbers, as the bar bail (32) grips around at least one of the connection bolts (21,24).

4. (original) A traffic crash absorber according to claim

3, characterized in that at least the bar bail (32) grips around two adjacent connection bolts (21,23).

5. (currently amended) A traffic crash absorber according to, claim 3 ~~or 4~~, characterized in that it comprises two bar bails(32) which protrude with diametrically opposite bail parts(36).

6. (currently amended) A traffic crash absorber according to ~~claims 1-5~~ claim 1, characterized in that at least one connector bolt (21-24) carries a radial inwardly protruding support arm (28,29) with a fastening element (30) for a traffic sign.

7. (original) A traffic crash absorber according to claim 6, characterized in that it comprises an arm (28, 29) which is held by two connection bolts (21,22) and which carries a tubular sleeve (30) for the fastening of a traffic sign or similar.

8. (original) A traffic crash absorber according to claim 7, characterized in that the two support arms (28,29) form a mutual angle of 90°, and carries a tubular sleeve (30).